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Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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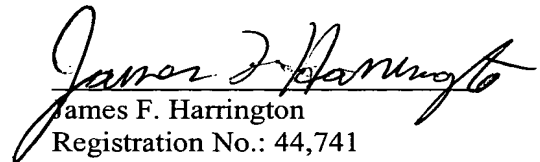
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The above-referenced documents are listed on PTO Form 1449. Applicants have enclosed the cited documents to facilitate reference to them.

Applicants have also provided English-language abstracts for the foreign patents documents, with the exception of Japanese Publication No. 10-108630 and EP 0 988 801 A1. JP 10-108630 corresponds to EP 0 988 801 A1, which is in the English language.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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